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In Re Application of: Martti Johannes Sannikka
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Examiner: Valenti, Andrea M
Attorney Docket No: SAN0003U

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Response to Examiner's First Report

Dear Sirs,

The Applicant is in receipt of the examiner's 27 May 2004 Detailed Action in respect of the above referenced United States Patent Application. The Applicant has carefully considered the examiner's remarks and in response offers the following arguments and amendments:

Amendments to the Claims

In accordance to the attached claims pages, claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 12 are amended. New dependant claims 14 and 15 are added.

Arguments

The examiner contends that claims 1-13 are unpatentable as being obvious when compared to the combination of US Patent No. 5,359,960 to Yananton ("Yananton") and US Patent No. 5,788,064 to Sacherer ("Sacherer").

From a legal perspective, the examiner's attempt to reject the Applicant's claims under 35 USC 103 fails on several separate grounds. In general, the